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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

JORGE LUIS HERNANDEZ,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

MARGARITA PEREZ, Chairman, BPT; et al.,

Respondents - Appellees.

No. 06-56097

D.C. No. CV-05-03485-SVW

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Central District of California Stephen V. Wilson, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted November 13, 2007**

Before: TROTT, W. FLETCHER, and CALLAHAN, Circuit Judges.

California state prisoner Jorge Luis Hernandez appeals pro se from the district court's judgment denying his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253. We review de novo a district court's

^{*} This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

decision to deny a § 2254 petition, see Sass v. Cal. Bd. of Prison Terms, 461 F.3d 1123, 1126 (9th Cir. 2006), and we affirm.

Hernandez contends that the California Board of Prison Terms' (the "Board") decision finding him unsuitable for parole violated his due process rights because the Board relied upon static unchanging factors, such as the nature of the commitment offense, and there was no evidence supporting a finding that Hernandez posed an unreasonable risk of danger to society. Because the Board relied upon Hernandez's prison disciplinary record in support of its suitability finding, in addition to pre-incarceration factors, we conclude that some evidence supports the Board's suitability determination, and we reject Hernandez's due process challenge. *See id.* at 1129; *Irons v. Carey*, No. 05-15275, 2007 WL 2027359, at *5-6 (9th Cir. July 13, 2007).

Hernandez's contention that due process mandates that substantial evidence, rather than "some evidence," support the Board's parole suitability determination is foreclosed. *See Biggs v. Terhune*, 334 F.3d 910, 915 (9th Cir. 2003).

Finally, Hernandez's contention that Board is biased, thereby resulting in a denial of due process, fails because his assertions of bias are conclusory. *See Jones v. Gomez*, 66 F.3d 199, 204-05 (9th Cir. 1995).

Accordingly, the state court's decision rejecting Hernandez's challenge to the Board's action was not contrary to and did not involve an unreasonable application of clearly established law, as determined by the Supreme Court. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1); *Superintendent v. Hill*, 472 U.S. 445, 454-56 (1985).

AFFIRMED.